

# Superior Court of Rhode Island

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## Counselors:

The Superior Court will conduct Settlement Week in the Frank Licht Judicial Complex during the week of December 14, 2020 from Monday through Wednesday.

During the uncertainty of the ongoing health pandemic, and the potential for changes to courthouse protocols to ensure the safety of all, we must make accommodations for different approaches to accomplish our hearings. Please review the Mediation Form carefully and note that all information **must be complete and accurate** in order to schedule a matter.

Only those cases in which clients' availability and willingness to negotiate have been confirmed will be mediated. Clients and those with settlement authority **must be present**. Lien holders must be informed by counsel of the mediation session and should also be available for purposes of negotiation. Presence may include attendance by telephone or other remote conferencing.

The Mediation Submission Form **must be signed by counsel for all active parties involved** with a case. A one-page case summary should accompany each Submission Form. Submission Forms **must be electronically filed** no later than October 31, 2020; please use the code "Mediation Submission Form" (or "Mediation Summary" as applicable) when filing and indicate in the comment box if you are filing for the Plaintiff or Defendant. Further, when filing a Mediation Submission Form please insure that **all** opposing counsel have agreed to participate **and** have been certified. It is imperative that the proper codes be used when filing electronically.

Cases that are not properly submitted will not be scheduled for mediation. Should you have any questions please contact Mary Smith in the Arbitration Office at 222-6147.

Very truly yours,

/s/ *Alice B. Gibney*

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